

CHAPTER 9A. GENERAL

Section 9A.01 Requirements for Bicyclist Traffic Control Devices

Support:

- 01 General information and definitions concerning traffic control devices are found in Part 1.

Section 9A.02 Scope

Support:

- 01 Part 9 covers signs, pavement markings, and highway traffic signals specifically related to bicycle operation on both roadways and shared-use paths.

Guidance:

- 02 *Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 should be reviewed for general provisions, signs, pavement markings, and signals.*

Standard:

- 03 **The absence of a marked bicycle lane or any of the other traffic control devices discussed in this Chapter on a particular roadway shall not be construed to mean that bicyclists are not permitted to travel on that roadway.**

Section 9A.03 Definitions Relating to Bicycles

Support:

- 01 Definitions and acronyms pertaining to Part 9 are provided in Sections 1A.13 and 1A.14.

Section 9A.04 Maintenance

Guidance:

- 01 *All signs, signals, and markings, including those on bicycle facilities, should be properly maintained to command respect from both the motorist and the bicyclist. When installing signs and markings on bicycle facilities, an agency should be designated to maintain these devices.*

Section 9A.05 Relation to Other Documents

Support:

- 01 "The Uniform Vehicle Code and Model Traffic Ordinance" published by the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Laws and Ordinances (see Section 1A.11) has provisions for bicycles and is the basis for the traffic control devices included in this Manual.
- 02 Informational documents used during the development of the signing and marking recommendations in Part 9 include the following:
- A. "Guide for Development of Bicycle Facilities," which is available from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (see Page i for the address); and
 - B. State and local government design guides.
 - C. "Highway Design Manual", Sixth Edition (Department of Transportation)
- 03 Other publications that relate to the application of traffic control devices in general are listed in Section 1A.11.

Section 9A.06 Placement Authority

Support:

- 01 Section 1A.08 contains information regarding placement authority for traffic control devices.

The following references from the California Streets and Highways Code relate to bicycles:

- 1. Section 887 – Definition of nonmotorized transportation facility.
- 2. Section 887.6 – Agreements with local agencies to construct and maintain nonmotorized transportation facilities.
- 3. Section 888 – Severance of existing major nonmotorized route by freeway construction.
- 4. Section 888.2 – Incorporation of nonmotorized transportation facilities in the design of freeways.
- 5. Section 890.2 – Definition of bicycle.
- 6. Section 890.4 – Definitions of Class I, II, and III bikeways.

7. Section 890.6 – The Department of Transportation, in cooperation with county and city governments, to establish minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.
8. Section 890.8 - The Department of Transportation to establish uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices for bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.
9. Section 891 – Local agencies must comply with design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices established by the Department of Transportation.
10. Section 891.2 – Local agencies bicycle transportation plan.
11. Section 892 – Use of abandoned right of way as a nonmotorized transportation facility.

The following references from the California Vehicle Code relate to bicycles:

1. Section 231 – Definition of bicycle.
2. Section 21100 – Local rules and regulations of bicycles on public sidewalks.
3. Section 21113 – Use of bicycles on public grounds.
4. Section 21200 – Laws applicable to bicycle use and peace officer exemption.
5. Section 21202 – Operation on roadway.
6. Section 21206 – Local Regulation.
7. Section 21207 – Bicycle lanes.
8. Section 21207.5 – Prohibited operation of motorized bicycles.
9. Section 21208 – Permitted movements from bicycle lanes.
10. Section 21209 – Motor vehicles and motorized bicycles in bicycle lanes.
11. Section 21210 – Bicycle parking.
12. Section 21211 – Obstruction of bikeways or bicycle paths or trails.
13. Section 21229 – Operation of motorized scooters in bicycle lanes.
14. Section 21230 – Operation of motorized scooters on bicycle paths, trails or bikeways.
15. Section 21450 – Official traffic control signals.
16. Section 21456.2 – Bicycles and traffic signals.
17. Section 21456.3 – Bicycle signals.
18. Section 21650.1 – Bicycle operated on roadway or highway shoulder.
19. Section 21717 – Turning across bicycle lane.
20. Section 21750 – Overtake and pass to left.
21. Section 21960 – Use of freeway shoulder by bicyclists.
22. Section 21966 – Pedestrians in bicycle lanes.

Section 9A.07 Meaning of Standard, Guidance, Option, and Support

Support:

- 01 The introduction to this Manual and Section 1A.13 contains information regarding the meaning of the headings Standard, Guidance, Option, and Support, and the use of the words “shall,” “should,” and “may.”

Section 9A.08 Colors

Support:

- 01 Section 1A.12 contains information regarding the color codes.

Section 9A.101(CA) Traffic Controls for Bicycle Facilities at Rail Crossings

Standard:

- Any bicycle facility traversing an at-grade railroad crossing shall conform to Part 8.